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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/RR

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THROUGH: Acting [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

FROM: Ch [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] accompanied by [REDACTED] conferred with Mr.  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to discuss our mutual interest and activities  
in the fields of geodesy, gravimetry and the Antarctic.

25X1X7 [REDACTED] was given a brief summary of the Soviet  
developments and achievements in the fields of geodesy and  
gravimetry.

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When [REDACTED] indicated that the [REDACTED] major  
interest was on communist China, the discussion then turned  
to a review of China's activities in these two fields and  
how these evolved from the advances of Soviet experience  
and methods.

It was pointed out that the Chinese also may assume an  
independent course in their geodetic and mapping program which,  
nevertheless, contributes as well as benefits from the Soviet  
establishment of Soviet geodetic datum. In this connection  
the possible entry of communist China into the Antarctic  
could become the initiation of a Chinese communist axis  
of long-range scientific activities which could cross the  
Pacific Islands and Australia. We both agreed that the  
presence of communist China in Antarctica was perplexing  
since the Chinese have had no previous scientific interest  
in the Antarctic. We indicated three possibilities to  
account for the new interest; to make themselves politically  
active in order to demonstrate the growing horizon of China's  
scientific interest, possibly to counter the Japanese  
effort, and to lay the foundation for long range scientific  
work that could establish a geodetic and gravimetric tie  
between Antarctic and China for the support of future Chinese  
missile capabilities.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] then pointed out that one of our long-range  
intelligence objectives is to try to determine where and  
when the Soviets might suddenly try to undertake long range  
missile firings from the USSR to Antarctica with a nose cone  
of instruments and promoted as a scientific project.

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